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IN THE CLAIMS

Please CANCEL claims 10, 11, 21, 22 and 23, without prejudice or disclaimer. Please AMEND claims 1, 7, 13-20, 24 and 25 as shown below, and ADD claims 26-34. A complete listing and status of the claims follows.

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1. (Currently amended) A method of processing calls comprising the steps of:
  - receiving a call that specifies a destination address;
  - determining at a first network element whether redirecting of the call to a second network element is active, and if active:
    - redirecting the call to the second network element;
    - checking at the second network element whether at least one of simultaneous and sequential routing is active, and if active, accessing a list listing a plurality of subscriber destinations; and
    - originating call legs for subscriber destinations in the list according to the results of the checking step;
    - and if not active, applying default routing of the call to the destination address.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the originating step simultaneously originates a plurality of call legs when the checking step determines that simultaneous routing is active.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the originating step sequentially originates a plurality of call legs when the checking step determines that sequential routing is active.

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4. (Original) The method as recited in claim 3, when the step of checking routing parameters includes at least one of time of day, day of week, and calling party identity.

5. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising starting a timer for timing duration of the originated call legs.

6. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising checking a timer for expiration, and if expired, disconnecting any originated call legs.

7. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 6, further comprising routing the received call to the destination address using default processing when the timer has expired.

8. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising detecting an answer by one of originated legs and completing a call connection.

9. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising updating call statuses when one of the call legs is answered.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

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12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the originating step originates a combination of simultaneously originated call legs and sequentially originated call legs as determined by the checking step.

13. (Currently amended) A system for processing calls, the system comprising:

a first network element a means for to receiving a call that specifies a destination address, the first network element operable to determine whether redirecting the call to a second network element is active, and if active, to redirect the call to the second network element, and if not active, to apply default routing of the call to a subscriber destination corresponding to the destination address;

a means the second network element for to checking whether at least one of simultaneous and sequential routing is active, and if active, accessing a list listing a plurality of subscriber destinations; and

a means for a third network element to originate call legs for at least one destination[[s]] in the list according to the results of the checking step.

14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the means for originating call legs said the third network element simultaneously originates a plurality of call legs if the checking step determines that simultaneous routing is active and sequentially originates a plurality of calls if the checking step determines that sequential routing is active.

15. (Currently amended) The system as recited in claim 13, wherein the second network element the means for checking provides for checking parameters that

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include at least one of time of day, day of week, and calling party identity, the parameters controlling conditions when the originating step occurs.

16. (Currently amended) The system as recited in claim 13, further comprising[[ a]] means for starting a timer for timing duration of the simultaneously originated call legs.

17. (Currently amended) The system as recited in claim 16, further comprising[[ a]] means for checking the timer for expiration, and if expired, abandoning the simultaneously originated call legs.

18. (Currently amended) The system as recited in claim 13, further comprising[[ a]] means for routing the received call to the destination address using default processing.

19. (Currently amended) The system as recited in claim 13, further comprising[[ a]] means for detecting an answer by an originated call leg and completing a call connection.

20. (Currently amended) The system as recited in claim 13, further comprising[[ a]] means for updating call statuses when one of the call legs is answered.

21. (Cancelled)

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22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the means for originating call legs, the third network element originates a combination of simultaneously originated call legs and sequentially originated call legs.

25. (Currently amended) A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having readable program code embodied in the medium, the computer program product includes:

a first software component associated with a first network element to receive a call that specifies a destination address and to determine whether redirecting the call to a second network element is active, and if active, to redirect the call to the second network element, and if not active, to apply default routing of the call to a subscriber destination corresponding to the destination address;

a second software component associated with a second network element to check whether at least one of simultaneous and sequential routing is active, and if active, to accessing a list listing a plurality of subscriber destinations;

and

a third software component to originate call legs for subscriber destinations in the list according to the results of the checking step.

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26. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the list is configurable to designate the plurality of destinations in at least one dissimilar format.

27. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the list is configurable by a subscriber associated with the destination address.

28. (New) The system of claim 13, wherein the list is configurable to designate the plurality of subscriber destinations in a plurality of formats.

29. (New) The system of claim 28, wherein the plurality of formats include at least two formats from the set of: a telephone number format, an Internet Protocol (IP) address format and a User Identifier format.

30. (New) The system of claim 28, wherein the list is configurable by a subscriber associated with the destination address.

31. (New) The system of claim 13, wherein at least one of the plurality of destinations represents an address associated with a different subscriber device.

32. (New) The computer program product of claim 25, wherein the list is configurable by a subscriber associated with the destination address and the list is configurable to designate the plurality of subscriber designations in different formats.

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33. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining whether redirecting of the call is active comprises the step of querying a local portability database or evaluating a terminating attempt advanced intelligent network trigger.

34. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of redirecting the call comprises redirecting to a softswitch.

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